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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/597,676

Applicant(s)

TANAKA ET AL.

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 August 2006.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/21/06.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 4 and 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kanda Yamato (JP 11-1176516).

Yamato (Figures 1-6) shows a card connector having a body 1 with a recess 1a with a bottom face into which a card 30 with a plurality of terminals 31b is disposed. The body has a plurality of contacts projecting from a bottom face of the recess for contacting the terminals of the card. The connector includes a stationary hooking portion 1b to hold a first end of the card 30, a movable hooking member with a hooking portion 4b on a side and movable in front to back (first face to second face) direction and a charging member 4 for charging the hooking member and hold a second end of the card 30 between the hooking portion and the bottom face of the recess. A face of the hooking portion of the hooking member is tapered. The connector has a leading guide for inserting the card into the recess and a clearance for rotating one end of the card. The charging member is press-fitted in holes in the body.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 2-3, 5-6 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamato (JP 11-1176516) in view of Tanaka et al. (2005/0221649).

Yamato shows all the features of these claims except the body made of a synthetic resin base portion, making certain parts integral with each other and insert molding of the contacts. These features are common knowledge, well known and widely used in the art of electrical connectors. Tanaka shows all these features for a card connector. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the instant invention to provide these features for their intended purposes which are common knowledge, well known and widely used in the art of electrical connectors.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO-892 attached.

Contact Information

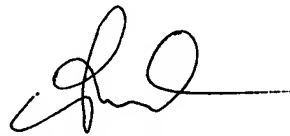
7. Any correspondence to this action may be mailed to:

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chandrika Prasad at (571) 272-2099.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor can be reached at (571) 272-2800 ext 39. The fax number is 571-273-8300.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chandrika Prasad', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Chandrika Prasad
Primary examiner
August 27, 2007